SENATE BILL 1377 By Jordan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 16-2-506(13)(A), 16-2-506(16)(A), 16-2-506(21)(A), 16-2-506(22)(A) and 16-2-506(26)(A), relative to certain judicial positions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. It is the intention of the general assembly to codify the five (5) judgeships created pursuant to Chapter 492 of the Public Acts of 1995 and funded by Chapter 549 of the Public Acts of 1995.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(13)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon ";" at the end of subsection (13)(A) and substituting instead a period "." and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created a criminal court in the thirteenth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the thirteenth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the criminal court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(16)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon ";" at the end of subsection (16)(A) and substituting instead a period "." and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

(iii) Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the sixteenth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the sixteenth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-

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505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(21)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon ";" at the end of subsection (21)(A) and substituting instead a period "." and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-first judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-first judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(22)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon ";" at the end of subsection (22)(A) and substituting instead a period "." and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-second judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-second judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(26)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon ";" at the end of subsection (26)(A) and substituting instead a period "." and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-sixth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-sixth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

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SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring

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